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TO AMEMBASSY ABIDJAN

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SUBJECT: MAJOR PROJECT: RURAL STUDY CONTRACT FOR
MINISTRY OF PLAN

1. MAJOR EXPORT PROJECTS DIVISION WAS CONTACTED BY
WASHINGTON REP (SURREY, KARASIK AND MORSE) FOR DEVELOPMENT
AND RESOURCES CORP OF SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA. FIRM HAD
BEEN NEGOTIATING FOR SOME TIME WITH THEN MINISTER OF PLAN
DIAWARA AND IN FEBRUARY, DURING ABIDJAN VISIT OF D AND R
VICE PRESIDENT JOHN SILVIERA, ACTUALLY SIGNED A CONTRACT TO
PERFORM A RURAL DEVELOPMENT STUDY. OFFICIAL TITLE OF
STUDY IS QUOTE L'ETUDE D'AMENAGEMENT INTEGRE DES BASSINS
VERSANT DU NORD UNQUOTE. CONTRACT WAS SIGNED BY DIAWARA
BUT ALSO HAS SIGNATURE OF ABDOULAYE KONE WHO WAS THEN
MINISTER OF THE BUDGET. IT WAS UNDERSTOOD THAT THE
CONTRACT, BECAUSE IT WAS SO LARGE (700 MILLION CFA OR
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BETWEEN TWO AND THREE MILLION DOLLARS U.S.) WOULD HAVE TO
GO THROUGH BUDGET CHANNELS FOR FINAL APPROVAL.

2. D AND R HAS BECOME CONCERNED THAT THIS APPROVAL
SEEMS TO BE SO LONG IN COMING. TWO WEEKS AGO THEY SENT

WASHINGTON REP., BRIAN FIX, TO ABIDJAN TO SEE WHAT HE

COULD FIND OUT. FIX WAS CORDIALLY RECEIVED, MET WITH DIRECTEUR DU CABINET KRA AND WITH SERGE PASQUIER, FIRST CONSUL BUT WAS UNABLE TO SEE MINISTER HIMSELF. D AND R ASKED WHETHER THEY SHOULD SEND PERSONNEL OVER TO BEGIN WORK ANYWAY BUT WAS ADVISED AGAINST IT UNTIL ACTUAL FINAL SIGNATURE. FYI. ANOTHER REASON FOR D AND R'S CONCERN IS THAT THEY HAVE HAD REPORTS THAT CONSIDERABLE PRESSURE IS BEING EXERCISED BY THE FRENCH NOT TO AWARD A CONTRACT THIS LARGE TO A NON-FRENCH FIRM. IN FACT REPORTEDLY BENET (FRENCH CONSULTING FIRM UNDER CONTRACT TO GOIC) HAS EVEN PUT IN A PROPOSAL TO DO SAME STUDY. END FYI.

3. D AND R DOES NOT WISH EMBASSY TO DIRECTLY MENTION MATTER OF SUSPECTED FRENCH PROPOSAL BUT WOULD APPRECIATE DISCREET INQUIRIES BY EMBASSY AS TO CURRENT STATUS OF THEIR OWN CONTRACT PROPOSAL. EMBASSY MIGHT INQUIRE IF THERE IS ANY FURTHER INFO DESIRED OF D AND R TO FACILITATE MATTERS AND RELAY D AND R'S WILLINGNESS TO COME TO ABIDJAN FOR ANY EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION WHICH WOULD BE HELPFUL TO GOIC. EMBASSY REPORT ON THIS DESIRED SOONEST - ALL ASSISTANCE MUCH APPRECIATED. VANCE

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